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MEMORANDUM FOR : Executive Officer, Intelligence Community Staff  
FROM :  STAT  
Associate General Counsel  
SUBJECT : Proposed Action Concerning Protection of  
Intelligence Sources and Methods

1. Returned herewith is the package concerning a proposal for action on the sources and methods protection issue which you handed me on, I believe, Wednesday.

STAT 2. We  also have been attempting to pull together the facts as to where we are in order to recommend a decision to resolve, put aside, defer, cancel or whatever the matter of a DCI action for protection by Community agencies of the sources and methods information. But it would seem that the issuance of PRM/NSC-11 has overtaken events and it would be inappropriate for the DCI to take action at this time. As you know, among the points which PRM-11 addresses is the matter of legal sanctions for the protection of sources and methods.

3. As a matter of procedure, I wonder if it would be appropriate for the IC Staff to recommend that the DCI advise the NFIB members that he is issuing a DCI directive, prior to the Director receiving advice and recommendations on this subject from the appropriate CIA components. As a practical matter, CIA in fact has been wrestling for some time with the drafting of just such a regulation and a number of difficult and complex issues have surfaced which have not yet been resolved. The thought is that if the Director were to accept the IC recommendation, he would have committed himself to a CIA regulation without knowing that CIA felt such a recommendation would be useful, workable, desirable, etc.

Attachment



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